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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed on December 23, 2002 with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for continued examination of the above referenced patent application. The Applicant respectfully requests that the presently pending appeal of this case be abandoned and that the examination of the patent application continue pursuant to the RCE. Please amend the application as follows: